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C O N FI D E N T I A L PARIS 16549

E. O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, FR, UR
SUBJ: ARRIVAL OF NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR CHERVONENKO

1. NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO FRANCE CHERVONENKO ARRIVED IN PARIS JUNE 15. QUAI SOVIET DESK OFFICER BROUST TOLD EMBOFF CHERVONENKO WILL PROBABLY PRESENT CREDENTIALS TO PRESIDENT POMPIDOU " NEXT WEEK " -- BETWEEN JUNE 18 AND 22.

2. ASKED WHY CHERVONENKO' S ARRIVAL WAS DELAYED AFTER NUMEROUS REPORTS HAD CIRCULATED IN PARIS INDICATING HE WAS EXPECTED TO BE HERE BEFORE END OF MAY -- PARTICULARLY FOR AIR SHOW ACTIVITIES AT LE BOURGET, BROUST COULD ONLY SURMISE THAT CHERVONENKO HAD BEEN BUSY STUDYING DOSSIERS ON FRENCH- SOVIET RELATIONS IN MOSCOW. HE WENT ON TO ADMIT QUAI HAD BEEN SOMEWHAT SURPRISED OVER SOVIETS' CHOICE OF CHERVONENKO AS AMBASSADOR HERE IN LIGHT OF HIS ROLE IN UNDOING DUBCEK' S " PRAGUE SPRING" OF 1968, BUT THOUGHT FRENCH- SOVIET RELATIONS WOULD CONTINUE TO DEVELOP AT MEASURED PACE.

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3. ASKED IF FRENCH HAD RECENT NEWS ON FORMER AMBASSADOR ABRASIMOV, BROUST SAID THAT DURING RECENT MOSCOW VISIT BY DE LIPKOWSKI (ACCOMPANIED BY BROUST), FRENCH EMBASSY HAD STATED ABRASIMOV PRESENTLY HEADING CPSU CENTRALCOMMITTEE UNIT DEALING WITH " FOREIGN CADRES". (SEE MOSCOW 4130). THUS, ABRASIMOV IN POSITION TO INFLUENCE CHOICE OF ALL SOVIET AMBASSADORIAL APPOINTMENTS. BROUST ADDED THAT FRENCH UNDER-STAND FORMER SOVIET DCM OBEREMKO HAS BECOME ASSISTANT TO ABRASIMOV.
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